

ESTHER JACKSON.

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JANUARY 11, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. HALTERMAN, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8909.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8909) granting a pension to Esther Jackson, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant is the daughter of Thomas Jackson, who served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and she is also the granddaughter of one Thomas Jackson, who rendered long and arduous service in the Revolutionary war. The service of both the father and grandfather is officially reported under seal from the records of the adjutant-general's office, Hartford, Conn.

The testimony accompanying the bill shows that Esther Jackson, the beneficiary, will be 86 years old next February and that she is a helpless cripple from a recent fracture of the femur. It is also shown that she was never married and that she is entirely dependent upon two aged married sisters for care and support.

There are several precedents for the proposed legislation, and in view of the extreme age and necessitous condition of the claimant, your committee recommend that the bill do pass, with the following amendments:

Strike out the words "United States volunteer" in lines 6 and 7, and substitute therefor the words "of Captain Lester's company of Connecticut Volunteers."

Add after the last word in the bill the words, "and pay her a pension rated at twelve dollars per month."